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MEDIA ALERT

DECAL and United Way Metro Atlanta celebrate Milestone for Georgia's New Quality Rated Program

- What:** Announcement of major milestone for Quality Rated, Georgia's new voluntary system to assess, improve and communicate the level of quality in early care and education programs.
- Who:** Bobby Cagle, Commissioner of Bright from the Start: Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning (DECAL)
- Why:** Georgia's new Quality Rated program officially launched in January, 2012, with a goal of enrolling 700 child care programs in its first year. Similar to rating systems for restaurants and hotels, Quality Rated identifies early care and education programs that meet a set of standards exceeding the state's minimum licensing requirements. The program is being enthusiastically embraced by child care professionals across the state.
- When:** **Wednesday, August 1, 2012**
1:30 PM **Child Care Providers Available for Interviews**
2:00 PM **Formal announcement by Commissioner Bobby Cagle**
2:15 PM **Reception**
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